

**RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture, natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced the Emergency watershed Protection (EWP) program 2000 funding criteria in which the White Mountain Apache Tribal Livestock Associations and Tribal ID Herd may be able to receive cost share assistance to defer their Livestock from a specified number of acres of eligible land, and to implement prescribed grazing on other acres of eligible land;

WHEREAS, the Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP) would provide relief from imminent threats to life and property caused by storms, flooding, and erosion; and

WHEREAS, the NRCS is calling on Indian Nations to sponsor this program to install emergency watershed protection measures to relieve hazards and damages due to the drought conditions in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the NRCS needs a statement of intent to sponsor the EWP before NRCS can begin eligibility determinations for the program; and

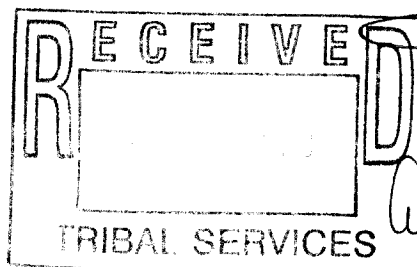

WHEREAS, the Tribal Range Program would work with the Livestock Associations and the Tribal ID Herd wishing to participate in this program; and

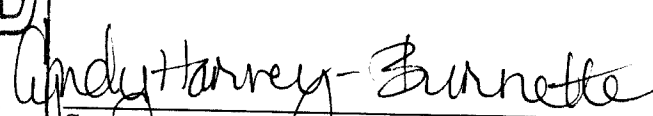
WHEREAS, the Tribe, as sponsor, would enter into a cooperative agreement with NRCS, and enter into one year contracts with participating Livestock Associations and the Tribal ID Herd on eligible lands.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that before signing any cooperative agreement with the NRCS and assuming any responsibility under this program, legal review and approval is required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman to sign a letter stating the Tribe's intent to sponsor the Emergency Watershed Protection program, contingent on legal review and approval of the cooperative agreement documents.

The foregoing resolution was on September 21, 2000 duly adopted by a vote of eight for and zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (c), (f), (h), (i), (j), (s), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

 
Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council